2027 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.

YOUTH PROJECT SHOW

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ENTRY FEE:	**$7.50 Per Exhibitor Per Item - Limit Eight Items NO REFUNDS (1 - 5 Items For both Clover and Challenger Kids) Eight (8) Items must be entered to be judged for High Point, Best of Show, Honorable Mention, Grand Overall and Reserve Overall.**
ENTRY FORMS DUE:	**No Later Than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 18, 2027, at the FAIR OFFICE**
PROJECT CHECK-IN:	**Sunday, April 4, 2027, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Ed Pickett Memorial Hall.**
JUDGING:	**Sunday, April 4, 2027** **NOTE: Judging results can be seen by public after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2027**
AWARDS:	**Monday, April 12, 2027 at the Entertainment Pavilion 6:00 p.m.**
AUCTION:	**Wednesday, April 14, 2027 at the Entertainment Pavilion**
CHECK-OUT:	**Sunday April 18, 2027, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Make sure you get with your FFA teacher and/or your 4H leader to get your tags for your projects so you can have them filled out and attached to your items prior to coming to check in.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. All 4-H & FFA members of Galveston County, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin are eligible to enter exhibits for Galveston County Fair Youth Project Show.
2. AGE CATEGORIES: (age as of **August 31, 2026**)

SENIORS:	14 to 19 years old
JUNIORS:	11 to 13 years old
SUB-JUNIORS:	8 to 10 years old & in the 3rd grade
CLOVER KIDS:	5 to 8 years old & in the 2nd grade
CHALLENGER KIDS:	Youth with disabilities

3. All entry forms must be filled out, signed by a parent and returned to the ***Galveston County Fair & Rodeo Office*** by **Thursday, February 18, 2027 no later than 5:00pm**.
4. All Youth Project Show exhibitors will be subject to current provisions of the Texas House Bill #72 and State Board of Education rule 19TAC97.113 regarding extracurricular activities (No Pass, No Play). Exhibitors are expected to abide by the State Law. This does not apply to Clover Kids or Challenger Kids because their participation is non-competitive. A Declaration of Eligibility Form will be sent to the exhibitor's school for verification of eligibility. Eligibility Forms will be handled by the Fair Office. If an exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the Youth Project Show because of THB72, they can still enter their projects for judging; but they will not be able to compete for prizes and awards.
5. All entries must be items handmade by the exhibitors since the 2026 Galveston County Fair.
6. All entries must be items which **have not been previously entered in the Project Show by the exhibitor or any member of their family.**
7. For **ALL CATEGORIES** please include 3 pictures minimum(beginning, middle & end of project being completed. Points will be deducted if no pictures.
8. Exhibitors may enter in any of the following 23 Categories:
   1. **Embellished Clothing & Clothing Accessories**
   2. **Jewelry & Accessories**
   3. **Flower Arrangements**
   4. **Wreaths**
   5. **Recycling**
   6. **Ceramics I & II (This is 1 category /only 2 items)**
   7. **Woodworking I & II (This is 1 category /only 2 items)**
   8. **Holiday Decorations**
   9. **Candle Making**
   10. **Soap Making**
   11. **Baked Goods I & II (This is 1 category/only 2 items)**
   12. **Metal Works (only 2 items)**
   13. **Food Preservation**
   14. **Photography I, II & III category (1 category/only2)**
   15. **Needlecrafts**
   16. **Sewing**
   17. **Artwork (May not be enter in Student Art Show)**
   18. **Scrapbooking**
   19. **Shadowboxes**
   20. **Models/Kits**
   21. **Cookie/Cake Decorating**
   22. **Home Décor**
   23. **Specialty Dietary Baked Goods I & II (This is 1 category/only 2 items)**

9. Exhibitors can only enter two (2) different items in each Category and can only enter a total of eight (8) different items. **Eight Items must be entered to be judged for High Point, Best of Show, Honorable Mention, Grand Overall and Reserve Overall.**
10. Clover kids and Challenger kids can enter 1-5 items from any of the categories.
11. An exhibitor **must** enter eight (8) different items in the Youth Project Show in order to receive a wristband for admission into the Fairgrounds. (A Clover Kid exhibitor and Challenger Kids must enter three (3) different items.)
12. An entry fee of **$7.50 per exhibitor per item** will be charged. The maximum fee is $60.00 for 8 items (Up to $37.50 for Clover Kids & Challenger Kids with 1 - 5 items).
13. Enter the Youth Project Show at your own risk. **WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF THE ITEMS ENTERED.**
14. Each exhibitor is required to sign an Indemnity Form attached to the Entry Form. Failure to complete the form will result in disqualification. This is handled in the fair office.

JUDGING

1. The judges will be informed of the Youth Project Show Guidelines and judging criteria for the entries.
2. During the judging of entries, **No** 4-H leaders (except for monitors), 4-H or FFA members, parents or teachers are allowed in the Youth Project Show.

AWARDS

1. Blue and Red ribbons will be awarded, according to the score given the entry. The scores will be as follows:
   BLUE RIBBON: 85-100 RED RIBBON: 84 & below
2. Exhibitors who wish to be considered for High Score Awards must enter eight (8) items. The score sheets will be totaled to determine the High Score Awards.
3. High Score Awards will be given to Seniors, Juniors, and Sub-juniors.
4. Awards for Clover Kids and Challenger Kids will be ribbons only. There will be no scores or competition.
5. Best of Show rosettes will be given in each Senior, Junior, and Sub-junior division. These will be chosen by the judges from the highest scoring exhibitors who entered eight (8) items.
6. Honorable Mention rosettes will be given in each Senior, Junior and Sub-junior division only if warranted. These will be chosen by the judges during judging time frame.
7. Categories that are not eligible for overall – baked goods, canning, cake decorating / cookies & candy.
8. **Best of Show Exhibits will be judged for overall Grand and Reserve projects and will earn a spot in the GCF&R Jr. Auction.**
9. All Best of Show entries will be eligible to participate in an online auction – voluntary only.

YOUTH PROJECT SHOW CATEGORIES

YPS Committeemen reserve the right to accept or reject any entries depending on suitability and condition of the project.

1. **EMBELLISHED CLOTHING** - Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. All items must be finished and ready for use. Shirts, dress, pants, etc. must be on hanger. Footwear must be able to hang for display easily.
   Examples:
   Decorated Sweat Shirts or Pants, Decorated T-Shirts, Decorated Tennis Shoes, Flip Flops, Decorated Bags, Collars, Ties & Scarves.

2. **JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES** – Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. All items must be ready to wear, and hand made. All jewelry sets will be judged as 1 entry. (Please display as a set-must be contained in a box or a zip-lock bag)
   Example of items to enter:
   Necklaces, Bracelets, Earrings, Hair Barrettes & Bows.

3. **FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS** - Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Any type of **artificial** flowers, leaves, and/or stems may be used -- Dried, Silk, Plastic, etc.
   Examples of items to enter: Vases, Decorative Containers, Centerpieces & a variety of holders

4. **WREATHS-** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Items can be wreaths or wall hangings. May use wire, Styrofoam or floral wreaths, may include material, ribbon, burlap or any decorative adornments. **Must have a way to hang them already attached.**

5. **RECYCLING/REPURPOSE –** Project encourages sustainable practices by transforming waste or old items into useful tools, decorations, displays or décor, promoting environmental responsibility. Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Items must begin with some type of product and made into a decorative or functional item.
   Examples of items to recycle:

Plastic Bottles	Glass Bottles	Styrofoam Products	Milk Jugs
Six Pack Rings	Popsicle Sticks	Paper Products	Aluminum Cans

6. **CERAMICS I & II** - Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. **(Only 2 ceramic items total)**
   Ceramics I – An item purchased as green ware, cleaned, fired and painted by the exhibitor.
   Ceramics II – Items purchased that have already been cleaned and fired by a third party but painted by the exhibitor. This category also includes Pottery.

7. **WOODWORKING I & II -** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different times. **(Only 2 woodworking items total)**
   Woodworking I – Items that have been either cut out or sanded, and stained or painted by the exhibitor.
   Woodworking II – Items purchased that were cut out and sanded by a third party, but painted or stained by the exhibitor.

8. **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** - Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Sets will be judged as one entry.
   Examples of items to enter:

Christmas Decorations (Nativity sets will be judged as 1 entry)		Easter Decorations
Halloween Decorations	Thanksgiving Decorations	Valentine Decorations
4th of July Decorations	Seasonal Arrangements	Special Occasions

9. **CANDLE -** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Items must be handmade, no store bought items altered from their original form. May include scents and decorative enhancements.

10. **SOAP MAKING** - Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Items must be handmade, no store bought items altered from their original form. May include scents and decorative enhancements. May include bath bombs as well**.**

11. **BAKED GOODS I & II** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. The items entered must be baked from different recipes. **A copy of the recipe on a 3x5 index or recipe card must be submitted with the item(s) entered at check-in. Identify the recipe name on the entry tag. No food items will be returned to Exhibitors. Baked goods are not eligible for auction due to being perishable.**

BRING ITEMS ON DISPOSABLE PLATES COVERED WITH PLASTIC WRAP.

Baked Goods I - This category is for sweet breads, cakes and/or cookies. (6 pieces) All items made from commercial mixes must be labeled on the entry tags.
Examples of items to enter:

Sweet Quick Bread	- Must bring whole loaf of bread.
Cookies	- Baked, Non-Baked, or Bar Cookies - Six (6) cookies are an entry.
Cupcakes/Muffins	- Three (3) Cupcakes/Muffins are an entry.
Yeast Breads	- Must bring whole loaf of bread.
Yeast Rolls	- Three (3) Rolls are an entry.

Baked Goods II - This category is for Cakes and Pies. Items made from commercial **mixes must be labeled on the entry tags.**
Examples of items to enter: **Bring Items on Disposable Plates covered with plastic wrap.**

Cake	- Must bring whole Cake
Pie	- Must bring whole Pie

12. **METAL WORKS –** (Only 2 Metal Work items)
   All items must be made of metal and 1 or more of the following techniques utilized: welding, cutting, soldering or grinding.

13. **FOOD PRESERVATION** - Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. All containers must be standard canning jars. A standard canning jar is one made especially for canning and has the brand name embossed on the side. (Examples are: Kerr, Ball, Anchor-Hocking, etc.) Rings or rims must be left on the jars. Jars with rusted lids or rings will not be accepted. Any jar not sealed will be disqualified. All entries must be labeled as to the contents and date they were canned. If they are not pressure-sealed, they will not be judged.
   Examples of items to enter are Preserves, Jams & Jellies, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Pickles & Relishes. 1st jar submitted will be opened and sampled; 2nd jar submitted will be unopened, returned and/or sold in the Country Store.

14. **PHOTOGRAPHY I, II & III** - Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. **(Only 2 photography items)**
Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor in the past year. Photographs will be judged based on: Picture technical composition; Exposure; Clear, Sharp Images; Impact, Creativity; Story Telling and Subject Matter. Exhibitors can attach a label to the back of the photograph to explain any special techniques used: filters, light set up, etc.

Reasons for disqualification: 1) Wrong Size (other than 8 x 10) or 2) Mounted improperly (must be on foam board and glued well).

Examples of items, but not limited to: 1) People (portraits not necessarily 4-H related), 2) Animals (domestic, zoo, wildlife, etc.), 3) Landscape and scenic, 4) Flora and plants (still life photos, specific subject, example: single rose, close up of a tree), 5) Humor, 6) Promote 4-H (pictures capturing 4-H members or leaders in action or demonstrating 4-H programs or activities), 7) Career photos.

Photographs may be entered in the following categories:

Photo I - Single Black & White Print - The exhibit will consist of one 8" X 10" black and white print. The print must be mounted on foam board ONLY. Foam board must be 8" x 10" (same size as photo). **No Digital enhancement filters.**

Photo II - Single Color Print - The exhibit will consist of one 8"X10" print. The print must be mounted on foam board ONLY. Foam board must be 8" x 10" (same size as photo). **No Digital enhancement filters.**

Photo III – Digitally Enhanced Print – The exhibit will consist of one 8"X10" color print. This photo includes any color or black & white combination print that was created by digitally enhancing or altering any photo from its original appearance **(must give a brief description of your enhancement)**. **Exhibitor must attach a small version of the original photo(s) to show level of accomplishment on enhanced photo.** The print must be mounted on foam board ONLY. Foam board must be 8" x 10" (same size as photo).

15. **NEEDLECRAFTS / HAND SEWN ITEMS** – Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 items. This category is designed for stitchery items that do not fall under machine sewing or embellished clothing. If the item(s) are meant to be hung then the display must be ready to be hung.
Examples of items to enter:

Embroidery	Latch Hook	Crochet
Needlepoint	Cross Stitch	Macramé'

16. **SEWING** – This category is designed for stitchery items that do not fall under embellished clothing or needlecrafts. Items need to be brought in on hangers ready for display.
a. Machine – Entries must have been constructed and sewn by the exhibitor on a sewing machine. All items must be new and have not been worn or cleaned before. Garments that were entered in this year's County 4-H Fashion Show can be entered in this year's Youth Project Show.
Examples of items to enter:

Dresses	Blouses	Slacks	Bibs	Tote Bag
Skirts	Shorts	Shirts	Aprons	Wall Hangings
Belts	Collars	Pillows	Placemats	Quilts

b. Leather work – Items can be stamped, sewn, cut, stained – pictures required explore the traditional craft of shaping and designing leather into useful or decorative items. (leather belts, wristbands, pouches, keychains, coasters, bookmarks, etc)

17. **ARTWORK** – Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. This category is designed for drawings and/or paintings. **(This category is for YPS only and cannot be entered in Student Art Show)**
Examples of items to enter: Framed or Matted Paintings Paintings on Wood Paintings on Metal
Framed or Matted Drawings Paintings on Saw Blades Painting on Item(s)
Artwork must have a hanging device already attached to the back at check in.

18. **SCRAPBOOKING –** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Should showcase a member's creativity and storytelling by Combining photos, journaling, and design to highlight a theme or personal experience. Entries are judged on neatness, originality, visual appeal, and how well they communicate a story.

19. **SHADOWBOXES –** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Should showcase a member's creativity and craftsmanship by arranging meaningful items in a three-dimensional display that tells a story or represents a theme. Entries are judged on originality, neatness, visual impact, and how clearly the display communicates its message.

20. **MODELS/KITS -** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 items. This category is designed for items assembled from a kit. The instructions must be included.
Examples of items to enter:
Car Models Truck Models Airplane Models Diamond painting Lego's

21. **COOKIE/CAKE DECORATING:** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. Exhibitors should not use real cakes but instead decorate Styrofoam instead. All icing, candies and/or decorations must be edible. The Styrofoam may be any shape exhibitor choses. Entries will be judged on presentation, originality & creativity. **Entry is not eligible for auction.**

22. **HOME DÉCOR -** Exhibitor may enter 1 or 2 different items. Final product must be assembled by hand. Individual items can be store bought and put together to create the final product. Items should be able to be used to decorate any room of the home. If made to hang must be ready to hang for judging display.

23. **SPECIAL DIETARY BAKED GOODS I & II -** Exhibitors may enter 1 or 2 different items. The items entered must be baked from different recipes. A **copy of the recipe on a 3x5 index or recipe card must be submitted with the item(s) entered at check-in. Identify the recipe name on the entry tag. No food items will be returned to Exhibitors. NO candy allowed.**

Specialty Baked Goods I - All items made from commercial mixes must be labeled on the entry tags but **must be altered with a special dietary consideration and documented on a recipe card showing dietary considerations**.

BRING ITEMS ON DISPOSABLE PLATES COVERED WITH PLASTIC WRAP.

Examples of items to enter: **(Examples: gluten free, sugar free, diary free etc)**

Sweet Quick Bread	- Must bring whole loaf of bread.
Cookies	- Baked, Non-Baked, or Bar Cookies - Six (6) cookies are an entry.
Cupcakes/Muffins	- Three (3) Cupcakes/Muffins are an entry.
Yeast Breads	- Must bring whole loaf of bread.
Yeast Rolls	- Three (3) Rolls are an entry.
Candies	- 6 pieces

Specialty Baked Goods II - This category is for Cakes and Pies. Items made from commercial **mixes must be labeled on the entry tags and show alterations for dietary considerations or a homemade recipe showing dietary considerations.**

Examples of items to enter:

Cake	- Must bring whole Cake
Pie	- Must bring whole Pie

Bring Items on Disposable Plates covered with plastic wrap.

Any items entered in this category are not eligible for Auction due to being perishable.

******NOTE: IF THE ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE YOUTH PROJECT SHOW DO NOT FALL INTO THE ABOVE CATEGORIES OR IF AN EXHIBITOR EXCEEDS THE QUANTITY IN A CATEGORY, THEN THAT EXHIBITOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE HIGH POINT AWARDS!!***

******Reminder: A minimum of 3 (three) pictures must be entered for all categories of the beginning, middle and end of project being completed. If pictures are not included points will be deducted.***

CLOVER KIDS

Exhibitors must be 5 to 8 years old and in the 2nd grade as of **August 31, 2026**. An exhibitor may enter 1 - 5 items. Projects may come from any category. Exhibitors must pre-register on the entry form by February 18, 2027. The entry fee is $7.50 for each item entered for a maximum entry fee of $37.50.

CHALLENGER KIDS

This category is especially for youth with disabilities. Exhibitors may be any age and do not have to be enrolled in 4H but they do need to be enrolled in a Galveston County ISD School. They may enter 1 - 5 projects in any category. Exhibitors must pre-register on the entry form by February 19, 2027. The entry fee is $7.50 per item for a maximum entry fee of $37.50. The entry form may be turned in and signed by the exhibitor's parent or teacher along with the entry fee.

COUNTRY STORE

Youth Project Show exhibitors will have the opportunity to place their projects in the country store, to be sold during the fair. Exhibitors must price their own items – **Minimum Price $10**. Exhibitors that place items in the Country Store need to check back on Sunday, April 18, 2027 and pick up items not sold between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. or they become the property of the GCF&R. A 5% commission will be charged to the exhibitors. **The check for items sold will be mailed to you approximately 60 days after the fair ends. Make sure you have the correct address and your entry form is legible.**

COUNTRY STORE HOURS:

Friday April 9:	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Wednesday April 14**:	Closed
Saturday April 10:	12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.	**Thursday April 15**:	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday April 11:	12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.	**Friday April 16**:	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday April 12:	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Saturday April 17:**	12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 13:	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Sunday April 18:**	Pick up 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fair officials reserve the right to change the rules, dates, times and places due to unforeseen circumstances.

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YOUTH PROJECT SHOW ENTRY FORM

Please submit this form with fees no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2027 to the Fair Office.
Mailed entries, must be postmark by February 5, 2027 to ensure we receive the entry form.

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
Mailing City Zip

E-Mail Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ School Phone: _____

Club Manager Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

1. CHECK ONE:
_____Challenger Kids (Youth with disabilities)
_____ Clover Kids (5 - 8 years old and in 2nd grade)
_____ Sub-junior (8 – 10 years old and in the 3rd grade)
_____ Junior (11-13 years old)
_____ Senior (14 –19 years old)

2. Exhibitor's age as of **August 31, 2026** _____ Date of Birth: _____

3. Did you pay for an Animal entry to show in the 2027 Fair? _____Yes ____No **# of Youth Projects entered:** _____

4. **If chosen as overall Grand or Reserve project I agree to sell it at the Junior Auction _____Yes _____No**
(I understand I must submit 8 items to be eligible for Grand or Reserve, if NO I understand my project will not be judged for overall award)

_____ _____ _____
Exhibitor's Signature Parent/Guardian Signature Date

* **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GCF&R Mail To: 10 Jack Brooks Road Hitchcock, TX 77563**

Fee: $7.50 per item entered (NO REFUNDS). # Of Items entered: _____

AMOUNT PAID $_____ DATE PAID_____ CHECK #_____ CASH _____

EXHIBITOR/CONTESTANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM

IMPORTANT: SIGNATURE REQUIRED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS

The undersigned, with the intent of binding myself, my spouse, if any, and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, do hereby execute this release. In consideration of the privilege of myself or my son/daughter competing/exhibiting in the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., I release and discharge the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., its successors and assigns including its officers, directors, servants, agents, employees, and legal representatives from any and all claims, present and future, known and unknown, in any manner for any loss or damage or injury to the person, animals or property of Exhibitor/Contestant, or Exhibitor/Contestant('s) agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. The Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., and Exhibitor/Contestant further agree that Exhibitor/Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments, including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit and/or judgment(s) by, though, or behalf of Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury, personal or otherwise, to any person, animal(s) or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor/Contestant, either solely or in conjunction with Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., or anyone else.

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., retains exclusive television rights pertaining to all shows/events, including open and breed shows and sales and all junior shows and sales, as well as any and all skits or additional contests held in conjunction with the Show/Event. By signing below, Exhibitor/Contestant gives the Show/Event permission to use video of Exhibitor/Contestant, including Exhibitor/Contestant(s) animal(s) or property, skits, etc., for television and video presentations without compensation or prior permission of Exhibitor.

Exhibitor/Contestant agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations, published or otherwise presented, of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.

_____ Date: _____
Exhibitor/Contestant/Owner Signature

_____ _____ Date: _____
Parent or Legal Guardian (if minor) Printed Name